

Trail Development/ Maintenance:

1. Beaver Brae Trail:

Send the Friends of the Trails Brochure to committee members for review. Suggested changes should be emailed to Melissa Shaw.

Ask Chris Penner for an update on the Beaver Brae Trail, development not only imperative to students, but also will play a key role in access to and from the Rowing Club for the 2017 Canada Games.

Action:

2. Great Lake of the Woods Trail

Action:

Barb Manson to confirm the route of the Great Lake of the Woods Trail including renaming, and removing of old signage etc.	Sharon Smith
Jennifer Findlay to confirm if the Trans Canada Trail has been decommissioned?	Sharon Smith

Presentation: Steve Mastromatteo Rabbit Lake Clean-up

In collaboration with the MNR A crew of fire fighters has offered to spearhead the cutting of hazardous trees, widening and formalizing existing paths within the Rabbit Lake Trails Area. The work crew would consist of 8-15 personnel and supervisors. Their work will result in a straighter trail that will run North and South from the St. Thomas Aquinas High school (TA) soccer field to Rabbit Lake. Access to Municipal land would be via TA property. See the images below.

This finger trail would allow easier and increased public access and will assist in emergency responses or other unforeseen circumstances.

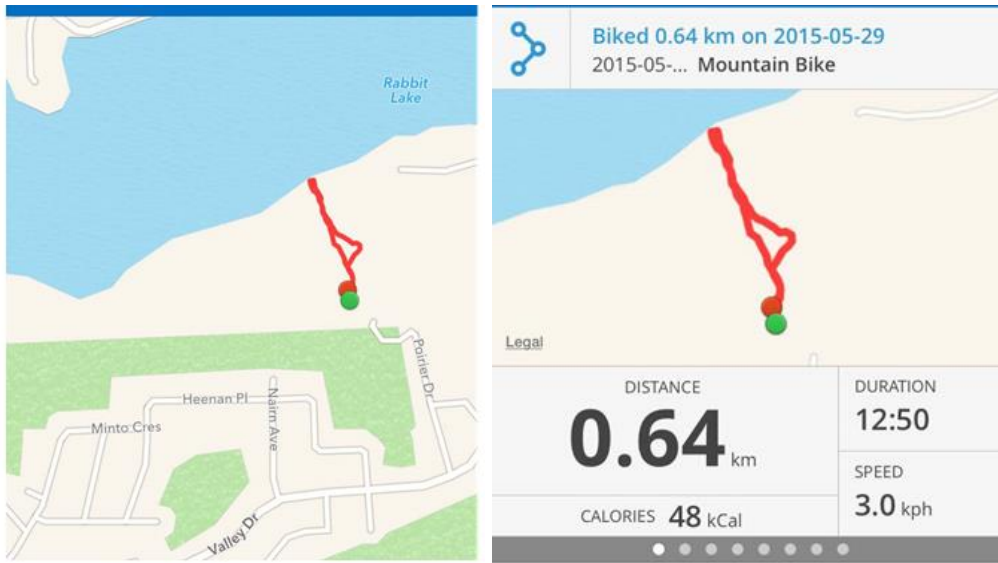
The MNR is conducting this work as a training activity at no cost to the City.

Once the trail has been developed the Trail Committee can discuss the formal approval of the trail as an addition to the Urban Trails Inventory.

Moved By: Steve Mastromatteo

Seconded by: Paloma Corrin

That the Kenova Urban Trails Committee approve in principle that the Ministry of Natural Resources conduct maintenance on a portion of Rabbit Lake pending approval from the City off Kenova Officials.



Action:

Send Letter from MNR to City Officials for approval	Melissa Shaw, Steve Mastromatteo
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Trail Infrastructure Inventory

Ren Amell, Friends of the Trails has agreed to conduct an inventory of the trails. Expected completion in the Fall of 2015, with a report to City Officials for implementation of recommendations by summer 2016.

Action:

Trail Inventory- Fall 2015	Ren Amell
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Rabbit Lake Expansion

Committee Member needed to spearhead this task, join force with the Rowing Club and pursue funding options. Suggested we invite Ursula to the September, 2015 meeting for an update on the Rabbit Lake expansion.

Signage

Historical Signage Rabbit Lake

Ask John Nabb/ Krishanth Koralalage about Signs and installation	Melissa Shaw
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New Business:

Appointment of Chairperson

The committee thanked Judy Underwood for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the Kenora Urban Trails Committee; Judy has accepted a new position within her place of employment and as a result has resigned from the position of Chairperson as of April, 2015. She will be greatly missed by the committee; however, Judy has agreed to stay in contact as a Non-Member through this transition process.

The Members at Large were asked if there was a volunteer willing to step up to replace Judy's position as Chair. Penny Beal recommended Diane Pelletier, whom graciously accepted the nomination. Diane Pelletier replaces Judy Underwood as Kenora Urban Trails Chair effective June 2nd, 2015.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 7th, 2015 – Operations Boardroom

Meeting Closed – 9:15 am

Duty Roster:

Action Item	Committee Member	Deadline
Send Friend of Trails Maintenance Guide to Committee Members	Melissa Shaw	ASAP
Approach the School board about placing the trail head on school property	Chris Penner	ASAP
Naming rights of the trail	Chris Penner	ASAP
Organize Friends of the Trails Meet and Greet	Committee	Sept, 2015
Barb Manson to confirm the route of the Great Lake of the Woods Trail including renaming, and removing of old signage etc.	Sharon Smith	ASAP
Jennifer Findlay to confirm if the Trans Canada Trail has been decommissioned?	Sharon Smith	ASAP
Send Letter from MNR to City Officials for approval	Melissa Shaw, Steve Mastromatteo	ASAP
Ask John Nabb/ Krishanth Koralalage about Rabbit Lake Historical Signs and installation	Melissa Shaw	ASAP
Trail Inventory- Fall 2015	Ren Amell	Oct, 2015